

WE CLAIM:

1. A vehicular data exchange system adapted for use to exchange vehicular data relating to a vehicle, comprising:

a plurality of computer terminals, each of said

computer terminals including an input device for inputting the vehicular data that includes vehicular characteristics data units and vehicular financial data units and a display device for visually displaying the vehicular data inputted into said plurality of computer terminals; and

a processor for controlling the vehicular data whereby the vehicular characteristics data units inputted into a ^{any selected} ~~first~~ one of said computer terminals are transmitted to a plurality of other ones of said computer terminals for display on respective ones of said display devices associated with the other ones of said computer terminals and whereby vehicular financial data units inputted to at least a responding one of the other ones of said computer terminals in response to the vehicular characteristics data units displayed on said display device of said at least responding one of the other ones of said computer terminals are transmitted to said ^{selected} ~~first~~ one of the computer terminals for display on the display device associated with ^{said} ~~the~~ ^{selected} ~~first~~ one of the computer terminals.

2. A vehicular data exchange system according to claim 1, further comprising a discriminator for selecting select ones of said other ones of said plurality of computer terminals to which the vehicular characteristics data units are transmitted.

3. A vehicular data exchange system according to claim 2, further comprising a repeater operative in conjunction with said discriminator to repeat transmission of said vehicular characteristics data units to said select ones of said other ones of said plurality of computer terminals until said select ones of the computer terminals receive said vehicular characteristics data units.

4. A vehicular data exchange system according to claim 3 further comprising a first timer operative in conjunction with said repeater whereby, upon expiration of a predetermined expiration time period, said repeater is rendered inoperative.

5. A vehicular data exchange system according to claim 1, wherein the vehicular characteristics data units include a make, a model and a year of the vehicle.

6. A vehicular data exchange system according to claim 3, wherein the vehicular characteristics data units include a description of the vehicle.

7. A vehicular data exchange system according to claim 6, wherein the description of the vehicle includes at least one of a body type of the vehicle, a color of the vehicle, an amount of mileage displayed on an odometer of the vehicle and a general condition of the vehicle.

8. A vehicular data exchange system according to claim 1, wherein the vehicular financial data units of the vehicle include at least one of a bid price amount, an assessment price amount, a wholesale price amount, and a retail price amount.

9. A vehicular data exchange system according to claim 1, wherein the vehicular financial data units of the vehicle include at least one of a bid price amount, an assessment price amount, a wholesale price amount, and a retail price amount.

10. A vehicular data exchange system according to claim 1, wherein the vehicular financial data units of the vehicle further include information identifying a source of vehicular financial data units transmitted.

11. A vehicular data exchange system according to claim 1, further comprising an alarm device operative to alert an operator of another one of the plurality of computer terminals that vehicular characteristics data units are available for display thereon.

12. A method of exchanging vehicular data of a vehicle, comprising the steps of:

inputting vehicular characteristics data units of the vehicle into a data inquiring computer terminal;

processing the vehicular characteristics data units by transmitting the vehicular characteristics data units to a plurality of responsive computer terminals for display thereon;

inputting vehicular financial data units into at least one of the plurality of data responsive computer terminals in response to the vehicular characteristics data received by the responsive computer terminals; and

transmitting the vehicular financial data units to said inquiring computer terminal for display on said inquiring computer terminal.

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9 13. A method according to claim ⁸12, wherein the step of processing the vehicular characteristics data units includes selecting select ones of said plurality of said data responsive computer terminals to which the vehicular characteristics data
5 units are transmitted.

14. A method according to claim 13, further comprising the step of repeating transmission of said vehicular characteristics data units to said select ones of said plurality of responding computer terminals until said select ones of the data responding computer terminals receive the vehicular characteristics data
10 units.

15. A method according to claim 12, the step of repeating transmission of said vehicular characteristics data units to said select ones of said plurality of responding computer terminals
5 occurs upon expiration of a first predetermined period of time.

16. A method according to claim 15, further comprising the step of stopping the repeating step upon expiration of a second predetermined period of time which is longer than the first
predetermined period of time.

20 10 17. A method according to claim ⁸12, wherein the vehicular characteristics data units include a make, a model and a year of the vehicle.

11 18. A method according to claim ⁸12, wherein the vehicular characteristics data units include a description of the vehicle.

25 12 19. A method according to claim ⁸12, wherein the vehicular financial data units of the vehicle include at least one of a bid

price amount, an assessment price amount, a wholesale price amount, and a retail price amount.

13 20. A method according to claim ¹²18, wherein the vehicular financial data units of the vehicle include identifying

C 5 information identifying a source of each ^{data} responsive computer terminal transmitting the vehicular financial data units.

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